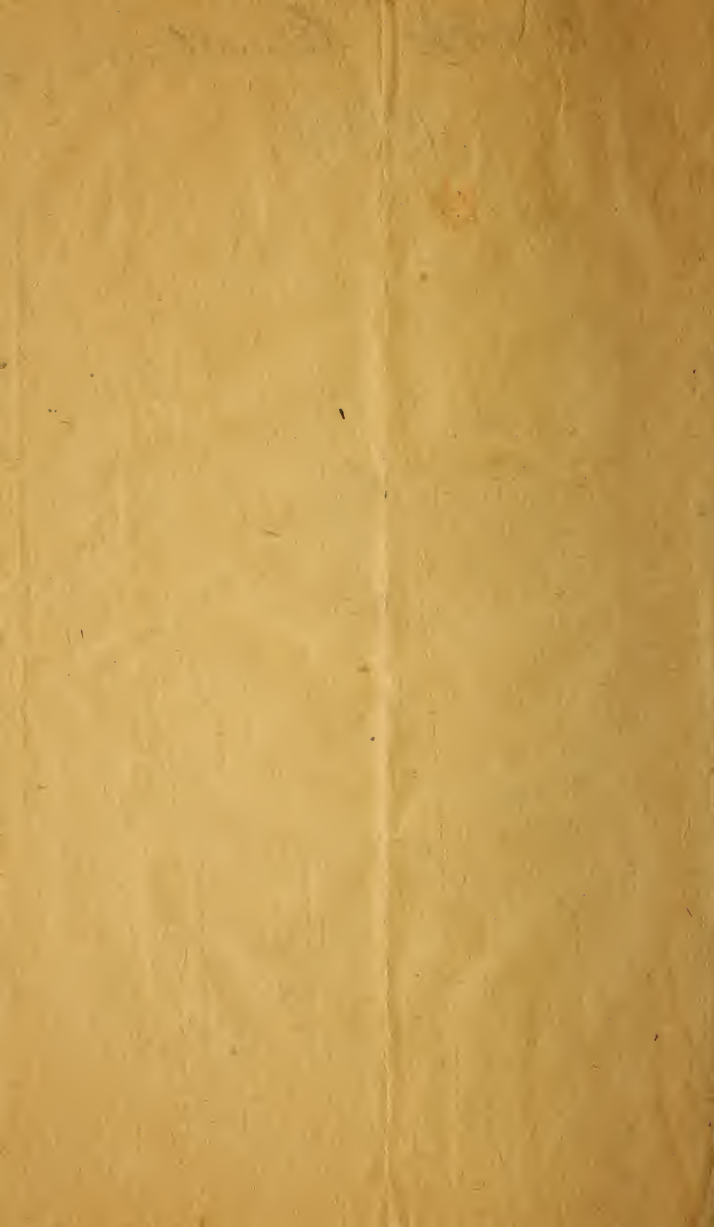


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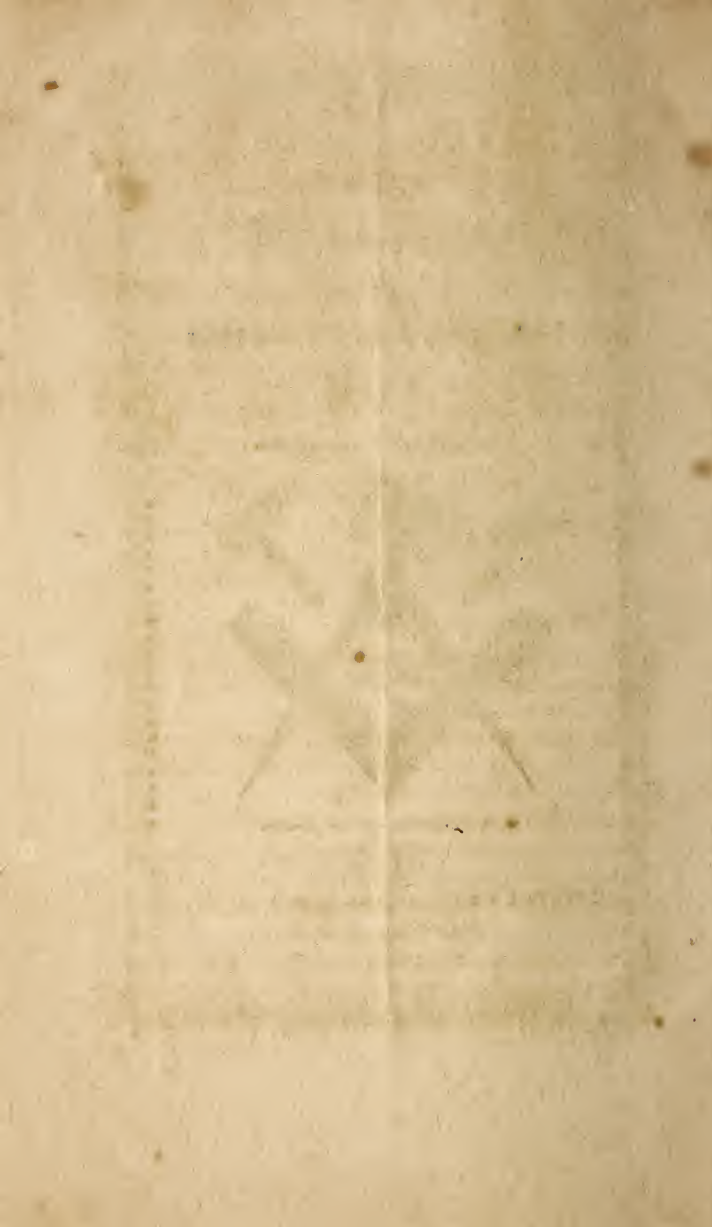
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OF  
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# Proceedings.

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AGREEABLY to an Order issued under the authority of the Most Worshipful Robert Williams, Esq. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina & Tennessee, the said Lodge convened in their Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on the evening of

THURSDAY, NOV. 21, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812:

## WHEN WERE PRESENT,

THE Most Worshipful ROBERT WILLIAMS, Esq. GRAND MASTER.

R. W. JEREMIAH SLADE, D. G. M.

R. W. WILLIAM WATTS JONES, G. S. W. *pro. tem.*

R. W. WILLIAM MILLER, G. J. W. *pro. tem.*

R. W. ALEXANDER LUCAS, G. S.

R. W. WILLIAM BOYLAN, G. T.

R. W. THOMAS TAYLOR, G. S. D.

R. W. ALLEN ROGERS, G. J. D.

Brother THOMAS POUND, G. TYLER.

## REPRESENTATIVES

*Duly appointed from the following Lodges, viz:*

ST. JOHNS, No. 1, *Wilmington*, Brother William W. Jones.

ROYAL WHITE HEART, No. 2, *Halifax*, Brother M. C. Whitaker



PHOENIX, No. 8, *Fayetteville*, Brother John A. Cameron.

AMERICAN GEORGE, No. 17, *Murfreesborough*, Brother Jethro Durden.

MOUNT MORIA, No. 27, *Iredell*, Brother Andrew Caldwell.

ST. TAMMANY, No. 30, *Wilmington*, Brother Wm. W. Jones.

FREELAND, No. 33, *Rowan*, Brother Jesse A. Pearson.

DAVIE, No. 39, *Bertie*, Brother Wm. Sparkman.

HIRAM, No. 40, *Raleigh*, Brothers D. L. Battringer and J. T. Q. Wiatt.

LIBERTY, No. 45, *Wilkes*, Brothers Jesse Allen & Edmund Jones.

ORANGE, No. 47, *Lincoln*, Brother William Boylan.

NEWPORT, No. 50, *Tennessee*, Brother William Boylan.

KING SOLOMON, No. 52, *Tennessee*, Brother William Boylan.

HALL, No. 53, *Currituck*, Brother B. Bell.

UNANIMITY, No. 54, *Edenton*, Brother Henry Fleury.

KING SOLOMON, No. 56, *Northampton*, Brother Cornelius Moore.

ST. ANDREWS, No. 57, *Franklin*, Brother Benjamin Hawkins.

CONCORD, No. 58, *Tarborough*, Brothers Moses Mordecai and N. Matthewson.

PERSEVERANCE, No. 59, *Plymouth*, Brother Thomas Johnson.

UNION, (by dispensation,) *Wayne*, Brothers Rob't G. Green, Henry Guy and Isaac Handley.

WESTERN STAR, (by dispensation) *Port Royal*, Ten. Brother Alexander Lucas.

#### VISITORS,

Brothers A. S. H. Burges, A. Jones, John Carney, Wm. H. Williams, Joseph Farmer, Willis Rogers, William Jones, Zenis Jones, &c. &c.

*The Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form, and proceeded to the transaction of business.*

Social Lodge, No. 46, *Pittsborough*, *Chatham*, made a formal surrender of its charter and jewels, which were received and ordered to be deposited among the archives and furniture.

*Ordered*, That a charter be issued to Union Lodge, Wayne county; and also to *Western-Star*, hitherto working by dispensation under the name of Rhea Lodge, in the town of Port Royal, (Ten.)

The M. W. GRAND MASTER made to the Grand Lodge the following

#### COMMUNICATION:

BROTHERS,

I FORTUNATELY received into my possession the Great Charter, under the sign manual, sealed with the seal and impressed with the Coat of Arms of the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Antient York Masons in England, dated at London the 14th day of January, A. D. 1771, constituting and appointing Joseph Montfort, Esq. then of Halifax, North Carolina, Provincial Grand Master of America, authorising and empowering the said Joseph Montfort as Provincial Grand Master, to make, constitute and regulate Lodges in his then Majesty's provinces of America.

This document is important in the history of Masonry in this state, as it shews in what manner several of the oldest lodges under our jurisdiction obtained their authority. The Royal White Heart Lodge, No. 2, in the town of Halifax, is one, deriving its original constitution from this source. This Great Charter was preserved among the Archives of this Lodge in Halifax, and is claimed by them: from whom the temporary possession was obtained by me, accompanied with a promise to return it. I have since addressed this Lodge respectfully, in my official capacity, soliciting this instrument as proper to be deposited among our Grand Archives, it being the original authority of the Craft in our State, and the foundation of that jurisdiction which we now exercise. The Lodges constituted under this Charter in the regal government of this Country, were mostly those, which after the revolutionary war, assembled in Convention at the town of Tarborough, in A. L. 5787, and established the authority of which we are now possessed.

My request for the entire possession of this original Instrument of our Craft has not yet been answered by the Right Worshipful Lodge in Halifax. I have, however, requested our brother Grand Secretary to make a copy of it at full length, in our records, that it may be handed to posterity among the Grand Archives of the Institution.

The Lodges, regularly constituted under the authority and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, situated in the State of Tennessee, met in Convention at the town of Knoxville, on the 2d day of December, 5811, and drew up a petition to this Grand Lodge for its assent to the erection of a Grand Lodge for the State of Tennessee, to be invested with powers and authorities incident to such sovereignty within that State, separate and distinct from this Grand Lodge. The formation of new States, with sovereign authority in their respective domains, by the usages of mankind, has been universal either by force or compact. This latter mode is alone known to Free and Accepted Masons. It is now submitted to this Grand Lodge, the propriety of giving our assent to the petition of our brethren in Tennessee. Their remote situation from their parent institution is a great argument in favour of their wishes. I will further observe that from my own knowledge of the respectability of the Craft in that State, no doubt can be entertained of the proper government of the Institution, and that the laudable purposes of Masonry will be advanced with a zeal, doing honor to themselves and reflecting credit on the Craft in general.

The unhappy controversy, so long existing between this Grand Lodge and that of Kentucky, relative to jurisdiction, is, I hope, about to be happily terminated. From a letter of the 12th Sept. last, received from our brother, the most worshipful Anthony Butler, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, it appears that a specific resolution has been entered into by them. A promise is given to transmit us an authenticated copy of this resolution, but which has not yet been received. It is expected that the Grand



Lodge of Kentucky have renounced their claim of jurisdiction in the state of Tennessee. This letter from brother Butler contains sentiments worthy of the Craft and such as should be cherished by every member of our most antient and honorable Institution. It is ardently hoped that controversies between brethren will more and more cease to exist.

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in answer to one from us, inviting them to send delegates to form a Continental Grand Lodge of North America, to be held in the City of Washington. They politely express themselves flattered by our attention, but state that they must always acknowledge the Grand Lodge of England as their parent, so long as they may continue British Colonies. An actual war now existing between the two Countries, will render any further communications between us and them improper.

From the communication received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, it appears they have passed a resolution to devise ways and means to introduce an uniform mode of work into the several Lodges throughout that State. That a Visitor is by them appointed whose duty is declared to be to visit each Lodge under their jurisdiction, to teach and enforce a particular regard to the moral precepts of the institution.

In Maryland the Craft have obtained an authority from the State Legislature for raising by lottery a sum of money sufficient to erect a Temple, wherein they might assemble with more respectability.

Other communications have been received from the following Grand Lodges, to wit: Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana and Ohio. Their contents are those of an usual nature, and require not a particular detail.

Commissions were issued by me, authorizing and requesting certain brethren to visit each Lodge under our jurisdiction, accompanied with a request to report to me the state of masonry in each

**Lodge**, for the purpose of laying the same before this Grand Lodge. Reports have been received from the following visitors, to wit :

The Honourable John L. Taylor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and past Grand Master, says, that Lodge No. 53, at Old Indian Town, Currituck county, is in a progressive state. That it has not long since been chartered, is the reason why they are not so well furnished as many of the older Lodges; but they are by him approved.

Brother Colonel Jesse A. Pearson visited Freeland Lodge No. 33. It is stated that this Lodge will hereafter attend more closely to the duties of the Craft, in sending representatives to this Grand Lodge, and to discharge their dues to our Grand Charity. This Lodge has not been for several years represented in our graad annual communications.

Brother General William Watts Jones, reports that he visited Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, Fayetteville, that they are in a flourishing situation; that they have a Lodge room of the best construction, with all the tools and emblems of masonry, provided in the most elegant manner; they are numerous and work in due form according to the ancient usages of masonry, and that this Lodge is wealthy and highly respectable.

That he, brother Jones, also visited St. John's Lodge, No 1, Wilmington, that they are wealthy as a Lodge, and have an elegant lodge room with all the necessary tools and emblems of masonry, and work in due form. He also reports that St. Tammany Lodge, No. 30, Wilmington, possesses great respectability of character, but that they are not so wealthy, and are without a Lodge room. That they have all the necessary tools and emblems of masonry, and work in due form with the most perfect harmony.

Hiram Lodge, in the City of Raleigh, I visited myself. They have in their Treasury about six hundred dollars, and are in a progressive state. They are making arrangements to build an elegant Masonic Hall in the City of Raleigh, and from their zeal, manifest-

ed on this occasion, no doubt remains but that this building will be effected; in which convenient rooms will be made not only for their own accommodation, but likewise for the sittings of this Grand Lodge, and a deposit for our Grand Archives. They expressed a desire that this Grand Lodge would contribute a due proportion from our funds, to complete a spacious and elegant Temple for the future labours of our Craft. Brothers permit me here to recommend this laudable purpose to your attention and aid. The propriety of this measure requires no comment. By our united funds appropriations can be made to finish a building complete with every convenience. It is therefore hoped that the earliest attention of this Grand Lodge will be drawn to this subject.

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

*Grand Master.*

On motion, *Ordered*, That the charter of Williams Lodge, No- 44, Randolph county, be arrested for the non-payment of dues.

On motion, *resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of making appropriations from the funds of this Grand Lodge, towards the building of a Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, to be appropriated to the joint use of this Grand Lodge and Hiram Lodge, No 40; and that said committee report to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.—Referred to Brothers Slade, W. W. Jones, Wm. Miller, W. Boylan and Barringer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to take under consideration so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's communication as relates to the constituting a distinct and independent Grand Lodge in the State of Tennessee; to enquire into the expediency of the measure, and report to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge. Referred to Brothers Lucas, Cameron, Pearson, Caldwell and Rogers.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Brothers Barringer, Cald-

well, Mordecai and Lucas, was appointed to examine into the accounts of the R. W. Treasurer.

No business being before the Grand Lodge, it was adjourned until the 5th of December next; and closed in harmony and peace.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

The Grand Lodge met in their Hall, agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT,

THE Most Worshipful ROBERT WILLIAMS, Esq. GRAND MASTER.

R. W. JEREMIAH SLADE, D. G. M.

R. W. CALVIN JONES, G. S. W.

R. W. WILLIAM MILLER, G. J. W. *pro. tem.*

R. W. ALEXANDER LUCAS, G. S.

R. W. WILLIAM BOYLAN, G. T.

R. W. EDMUND JONES, G. S. D.

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REPRESENTATIVES

*Duly appointed from the following Lodges, viz :*

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PHOENIX, No. 8, *Fayetteville*, Brothers John A. Cameron and John Owen.

JOHNSON CASWELL, No. 10, *Warrenton*, Brothers Kemp Plummer and William Miller.

KING SOLOMON No. 18, *Jones*, Brother Nathaniel Pinkham.

HIRAM, No. 24, *Williamsborough*, Brother William M. Need.

PANSOPHIA, No. 25, *Moore*, Brothers Atlas Jones and J. Gaster.

MOUNT MORIAH, No. 27, *Iredell*, Brother Andrew Caldwell.

ST. TAMMANY, No. 30, *Wilmington*, Brother Wm. W. Jones.

FREELAND, No. 33, *Rowan*, Brother Jesse A. Pearson.



**HIRAM**, No. 40, *Ruleigh*, Brothers Barringer, Wiatt and Henderson.

**GREENSVILLE**, No. 43, *Tennessee*, Brothers Robert Williams and William Boylan.

**LIBERTY**, No. 45, *Wilkes*, Brothers Jesse Allen & Edmund Jones.

**ORANGE**, No. 47, *Lincoln*, Brother William Boylan.

**NEWPORT**, No. 50, *Tennessee*, Brother William Boylan.

**KING SOLOMON**, No. 52, *Tennessee*, Brother William Boylan.

**UNANIMITY**, No. 54, *Edenton*, Brother Henry Fleury.

**ST. ANDREWS**, No. 57, *Franklin*, Brother Alex. Falconer.

**CONCORD**, No. 58, *Tarborough*, Brothers Falconer, S. J. Baker and Mordecai.

**PERSEVERANCE**, No. 59, *Plymouth*, Brother Thomas Johnson.

**WESTERN STAR**, 61, *Port Royal*, Ten. Brother Alex. Lucas.

**CUMBERLAND**, (by dispensation) Brothers Lucas and Boylan.

#### VISITORS,

Brothers A. S. H. Burges, J. Carney, A. Jones, W. Rogers, &c. &c.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form, and proceeded to the transaction of business.

Brother Barringer, from the committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, reported that having performed the duty assigned to them, the committee had found the accounts to be correct, and a balance remaining in the Treasurer's hands of 584/ 13s 3d 1-2.

Brother Cameron offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be authorised and requested to purchase five shares in the State Bank of North Carolina, in the name and for the benefit and use of this Grand Lodge.



Brother Lucas, from the committee appointed at the last Grand Annual Communication, submitted the following resolution.

**RESOLVED**, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated, on the part of this Grand Lodge, for the erection of a **Masonic Hall**, in which its future sittings may be held, and its grand archives deposited; and that a standing committee, with full powers to direct in what form and manner the said sum shall be drawn and expended, be appointed to confer with Hiram Lodge of the city of Raleigh, concerning the said object.

Brother J. A. Pearson offered the following resolution as a substitute for the foregoing, which was then withdrawn:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on the part of this Grand Lodge, to confer with such committee as may be nominated by Hiram Lodge, No. 40, of the city of Raleigh, on the subject of erecting a **Masonic Hall** within the said city for the use of this Grand Lodge and Hiram Lodge, No. 40; and that the said committee be authorised to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of five hundred dollars, when in their discretion they may think it expedient.

*Resolved further*, That the committee on the part of the Grand Lodge be instructed so to contract with Hiram Lodge, that in all cases the Grand Lodge is to have the precedence in the use of the Hall about to be erected.

Which was adopted and a committee appointed consisting of Brothers J. A. Cameron, Mordecai, Boylan, C. Jones, and Lucas.

Brother J. A. Pearson, from the committee to which was referred the petition of the several Lodges in Tennessee, praying for authority to erect a separate Grand Lodge in Tennessee, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petitions from the

several lodges in the state of Tennessee, praying to be permitted to establish a Grand Lodge under the name of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and to be separated from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, have taken the subject into consideration, and REPORT, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, under a firm expectation that all arrearages due from any of said lodges of Tennessee be paid to the treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.—All which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. PEARSON, Chairman.

Which was read and unanimously concurred in.

The Charter of Young Eagle Lodge, No. 49, Hamilton, was surrendered and accepted; also the Charter of Taylor Lodge, No. 48.

*Ordered*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorised to terminate the dispute so long existing with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on the terms proposed in the resolution, adopted by the said Grand Lodge, August 29th, 1812, viz: That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky agree to renounce all jurisdiction within the State of Tennessee, heretofore assumed, and that they will withdraw such charters as have been issued by them to Lodges within the said State of Tennessee.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year, when the following were elected:

The Most Worshipful ROBERT WILLIAMS, Esq. GRAND MASTER.

R. W. CALVIN JONES, Esq. G. S. W.

R. W. WILLIAM MILLER, Esq. G. J. W.

R. W. ALEXANDER LUCAS, G. S.

R. W. WILLIAM BOYLAN, G. T.

The ceremony of installing the Grand Officers being concluded, With the usual solemnities, and in harmony and peace, the Lodge was closed, SINE DIE.

TEST,      A. LUCAS, G. S.

## A List of Lodges

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NORTH-CAROLINA  
AND TENNESSEE.

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St. John, No. 1, *Wilmington.*  
Royal White Heart, No. 2, *Halifax.*  
St. John, No. 3, *Newbern.*  
Royal Edwin, No. 5, *Windsor.*  
Phoenix, No. 8, *Fayetteville.*  
Johnston Caswell, No. 10, *Warrenton.*  
Washington, No. 15, *Beaufort county.*  
American George, No. 17, *Murfreesborough.*  
King Solomon, No. 18, *Jones county.*  
Hiram, No. 24, *Williamsborough, Granville.*  
Pansophia, No. 25, *Moore county.*  
Mount Moria, No. 27, *Iredell county.*  
St. Tammany, No. 30, *Wilmington.*  
Phalanx, No. 31, *Charlotte, Mecklenburg.*  
Freeland, No. 33, *Rowan county.*  
Davie, No. 39, *Bertie county.*  
Hiram, No. 40, *City of Raleigh.*  
Tennessee, (No. 2, Ten.) No. 41, *Knoxville.*  
Greenville, (No. 3, Ten.) No. 43, *Greenville.*  
Williams, No. 44, *Johnstonville, Randolph county.*  
Liberty, No. 45, *Wilkesborough, Wilkes county.*  
Orange, No. 47, *Lincoln county.*  
Newport, (No. 4, Ten.) No. 50, *Newport.*  
Overton, (No. 5, Ten.) No. 51, *Rogersville.*  
King Solomon, (No. 6, Ten.) No. 52, *Gallatin.*  
Hall, No. 53, *Indian Town, Carrituck.*

Unanimity, No. 54, *Edenton.*

Hiram, (No. 7, Ten.) No. 55, *Town of Franklin.*

King Solomon, No. 56, *Northampton C. H.*

St. Andrews, No. 57, *Louisburg, Franklin county.*

Concord, No. 58, *Tarborough.*

Perseverance, No. 59, *Plymouth, Washington.*

Union, No. 61, *Waynesborough.*

Western Star, No. 61, *Port Royal, Tennessee.*

TEST,

ALEXANDER LUCAS,  
*Grand Secretary.*







